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The Honorable William J. Casey Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Attention: Director, External Affairs

Dear Mr. Casey:

On June 23, 1982, we informed you that the Chairman, House Judiciary Committee, and several Members of Congress had requested us to reopen our review of alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the United States. In connection with our ongoing review, the Chairman by enclosed letter dated February 17, 1983, has requested that we also include as part of our review the allegations surrounding Klaus Barbie. Among the allegations mentioned are that American agents protected Barbie from French officials, assisted his escape to South America and paid him for information on other Nazis and for other "intelligence."

To accomplish this part of the assignment, we need to review any information you may have concerning the individual in question. This would include those documents in your files that were originated by third parties, including other agencies.

This project is being managed by Mr. John Tipton of our General Government Division. Should you have any questions concerning the matters herein, Mr. Tipton can be reached on 633-1559. The code number of the assignment is 183535. Similar requests have been provided the Departments of Defense, Justice, and State; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Conahan

Director

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